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In the Application of Norbert Apfel et al

Ser.No.: 10/026,099

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: CUTTING BLADE FOR A MOTOR-DRIVEN, MANUALLY-GUIDED  
IMPLEMENT

Art Unit: 3724

Examiner: Issac N. Hamilton

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 03/12/2003**

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows: